THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 16th July 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half-past nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Sabotage on railway tracks in the State.

* 465 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" I formally put the question, Sir. The answers may be printed in the proceedings."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have placed the answer on the table of the House, Sir."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many cases of mischief and attempted mischief to the railway track within the jurisdiction of this State were reported to the State Government during the year 1952–53;

(*b*) the dates and places of occurrence of each case; and

(*c*) whether any investigation was made with regard to the motive for these acts?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"(*a*) Fifty-nine cases were reported.

" (*b*) & (*c*) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House which gives also the result of the investigations made in each case. Details of the nature of the mischief are not given as it would not be in the public interest to do so."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" I would like to put a supplementary question, Sir. In the printed answer against item 39 it has been stated that the mischief on the railway track between Bobbili and Dokinavalasa at mile 258-7/11 was due to the mischief by Andhra State agitators. It has also been printed that the same has not yet been detected. I would like to know from the Hon. Chief Minister whether it was the ' Andhra agitators ' or the mischief that had not been detected."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The identity of the persons concerned, Sir."

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[a] **Printed as Appendix I on pages 365–368 infra.**